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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director Cal-Fed Bay-Delta Program 1416 Ninth St., Suite 1155 Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I am a third generation rancher in Placer County, and I am concerned with your final Cal-Fed EIS/EIR plan released on July 21, 2000.

Your plan is very technical and complicated, and I would appreciate your giving more time to the period for comment. Also, public hearings should be held, before your implement the plan.

I have spent a lifetime conserving water and providing wildlife habitat on my property. I, and other ranchers and farmers need to be assured that adequate water supplies will be available for our operations now, and in the future. We must have water so that we can provide for our families and also care for the environment and wildlife.

California's population continues to grow so rapidly it is evident Cal-Fed must develop more water storage facilities immediately. If this is not done, the people, wildlife, and farmlands will suffer greatly in the future.

I hope your plan will accomplish this for the people of California.

Again, I ask you to hold public hearings to explain this plan, and to provide more time for comment.

Sincerely,

Clif Johnson

Cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Governor Gray Davis
Congressman John Doolittle
Senator Tim Leslie
Assemblyman Rico Oller
Placer County Board of Supervisors
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